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Info:

At Embassy's discretion re timing, approach, clearly deny allegations U.S. treaty arms used in rebel action against Guatemala. U.S. bilateral military aid treaties with Nicaragua, Honduras, as with eight other American republics, have as principal objective grant arms aid to and training of military forces those countries to contribute mutual defense western hemisphere. Treaties are consistent with inter-American treaty (Rio) and plans Inter-American Defense Board.

Article 2 agreement with Nicaragua similar other agreements:

QUOTE Government Nicaragua undertakes to make effective use assistance received from Government USA pursuant this Agreement for purpose implementing defense plans, accepted by two Governments, under which two Governments will participate in missions important to defense Western Hemisphere, and will not, without prior agreement of Government USA devote such assistance to purposes other than those for which it was furnished. UNQUOTE

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been given. Further, U.S. Army officials accountable for all arms shipped Nicaragua, Honduras under Agreement. Noteworthy that value [redacted] arms shipped thus far [redacted] Nicaragua, Honduras each total only about $72,000 in comparison with estimated ten million dollar Guatemalan arms import from Poland.

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